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SUBJ: MFA COMPLAINT ABOUT DELAYS IN VISA ISSUANCE TO EXPO-74
OFFICIALS

REF: STATE 29743

1. MFA USA DIVISION COUNSELOR TRIFONOV CALLED OVER CHIEF
CONSULAR SECTION APRIL 26 TO COMPLAIN ABOUT SLOW PROCESSING OF
VISA APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY SOVIET OFFICIALS ASSIGNED TO
EXPO-74 EXHIBIT IN SPOKANE.

2. AFTER HANDING OVER LIST OF SPECIFIC MFA APPLICATIONS (PARA 5)
TO WHICH NO RESPONSE RECEIVED, TRIFONOV DELIVERED ORAL STATEMENT THAT
SCHEDULE FOR SOVIET EXHIBIT HAS ALREADY BEEN "VIOLATED" BY US
DELAYS IN VISA ISSUANCES. HE ASSERTED MFA REGARDED PROBLEM AS
"SERIOUS MATTER" AND HAVING RAISED IT ON "CONSULAR LEVEL" NOW
WISHED TO STRESS ITS "POLITICAL" CHARACTER AS WELL. (EMBASSY
REPORTED GENERAL REPRESENTATIONS CONSULAR LEVEL IN MOSCOW 3499
AND 6140, PLUS VARIOUS REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT SPECIFIC CASES SUCH
AS 5706, 5798, ETC.).

3. TRIFONOV EXPLAINED THAT SOVIET SIDE VIEWS THE MATTER WITH
PARTICULAR "BEWILDERMENT" (NYEDOU MYENIE) BECAUSE IT WAS US EXHIBIT
ORGANISERS WHO ENERGETICALLY SOUGHT SOVIET PARTICIPATION. TRIFONOV
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CONTINUED THAT DELAYS IN VISA ISSUANCE ALSO SEEMED TO CONTRADICT

US-SOVIET EXCHANGES AGREEMENTS, ESPECIALLY SICNE THEME OF EXHIBIT
WAS ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. TRIFONOV URGED THAT PENDING
CASES BE PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO SINCE SOVIET EXHIBIT OPENS MAY 4.

4. IN ACCEPTING LIST OF CASES CONSOFF INDICATED AWARENESS OF CERTAIN
DELAYS IN SOME CASES AND INDICATED MINISTRY'S INTERST IN THEIR
EARLY RESOLUTION WOULD BE PASSED ON TO WASHINGTON.

5. CASES ON TRIFONOV'S LIST WERE AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST NAME IN CABLE	MOSCOW BACLE NUMBER AND DATE
GRINBERG PLUS 2	MOSCOW 4522 - MARCH 28
IZRAILEV PLUS 3	MOSCOW 4996 - APRIL 5
KOKOREVA	MOSCOWZGROOT A APRIL 5
BOLDYREVA PLUS 2	MOSCOW 5332 - APRIL 11
TIGUZINKOV PLUS 1	MOSCOW 5331 - APRIL 11

6 EMBASSY APPRECIATES CONSIDERATIONS DESCRIBED PARA 2 STATE 29743,
BUT IS HOPEFUL MORE EXPEDITIOUS FILE CHECKS ARE WITHIN WASHINGTON'S
CAPABILITY IN EXPO-74 CASES. DUBS

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